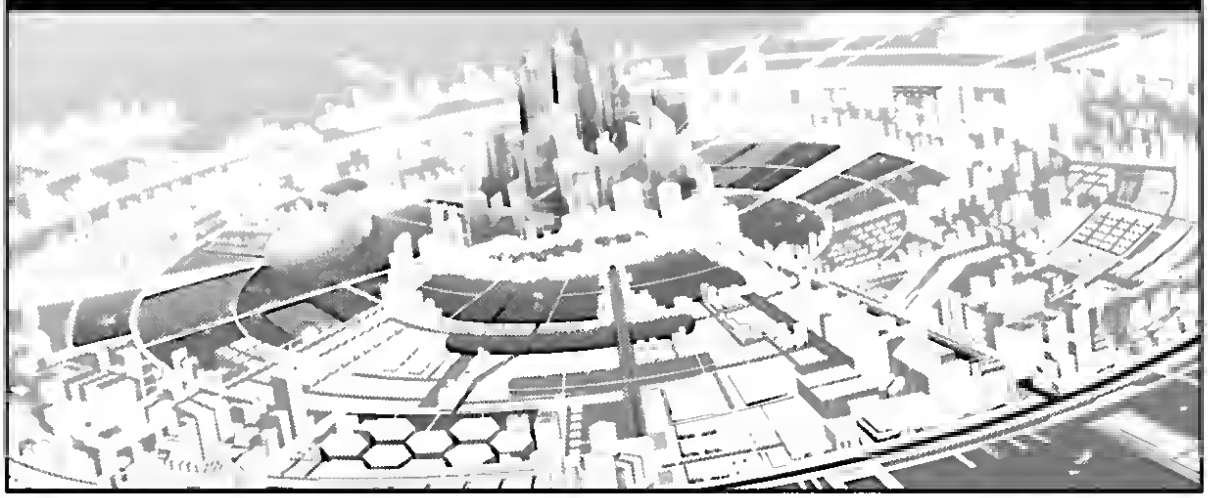
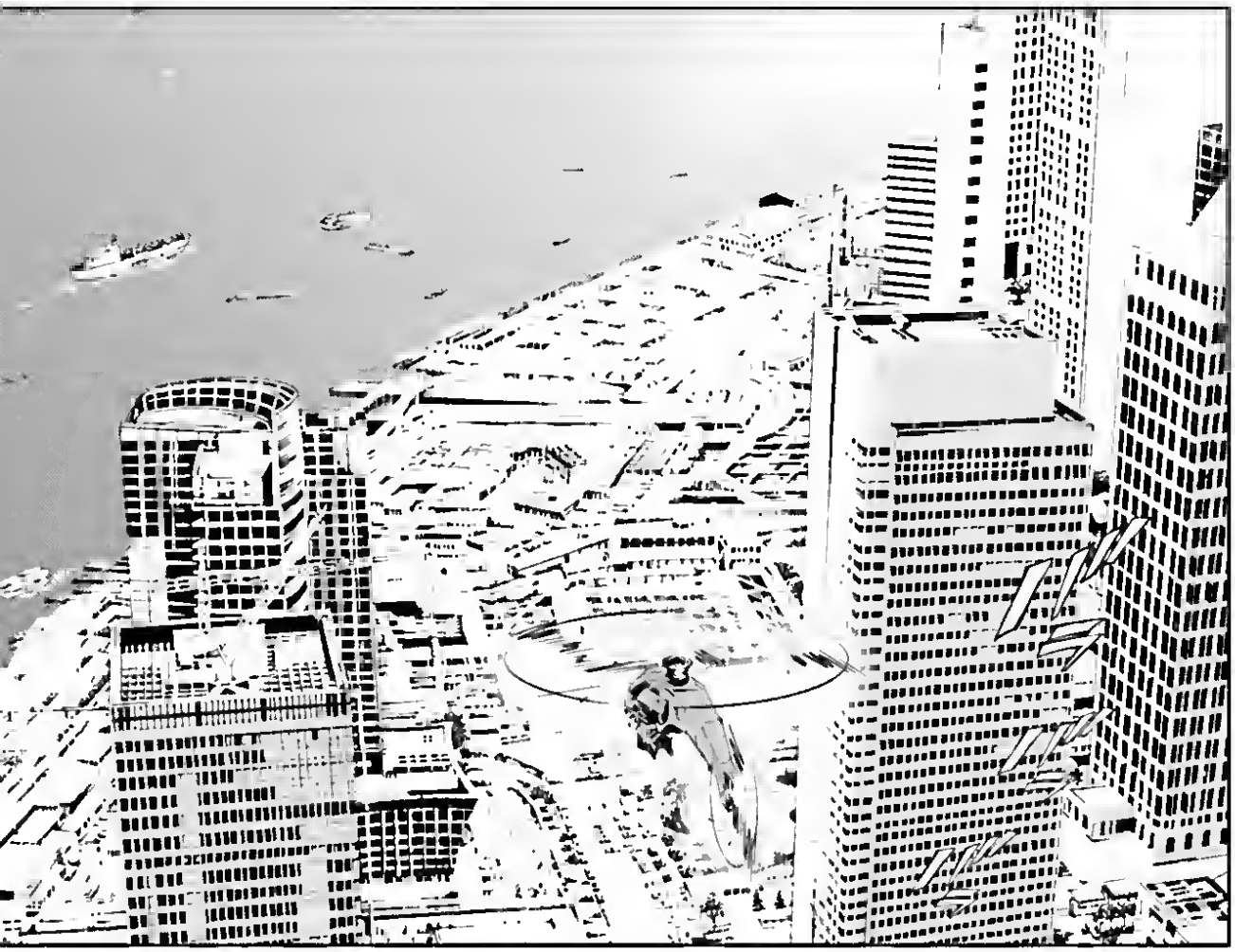
TOKYO HARBOR AHQ SPECIAL WARD, MEGAFLOAT





THE SEAM: THE HARBOR'S AIRSPACE

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PADOVA VENUSIAN SORCERY GROUP CLUB ROOM
HERE YOU ARE, KAITO.
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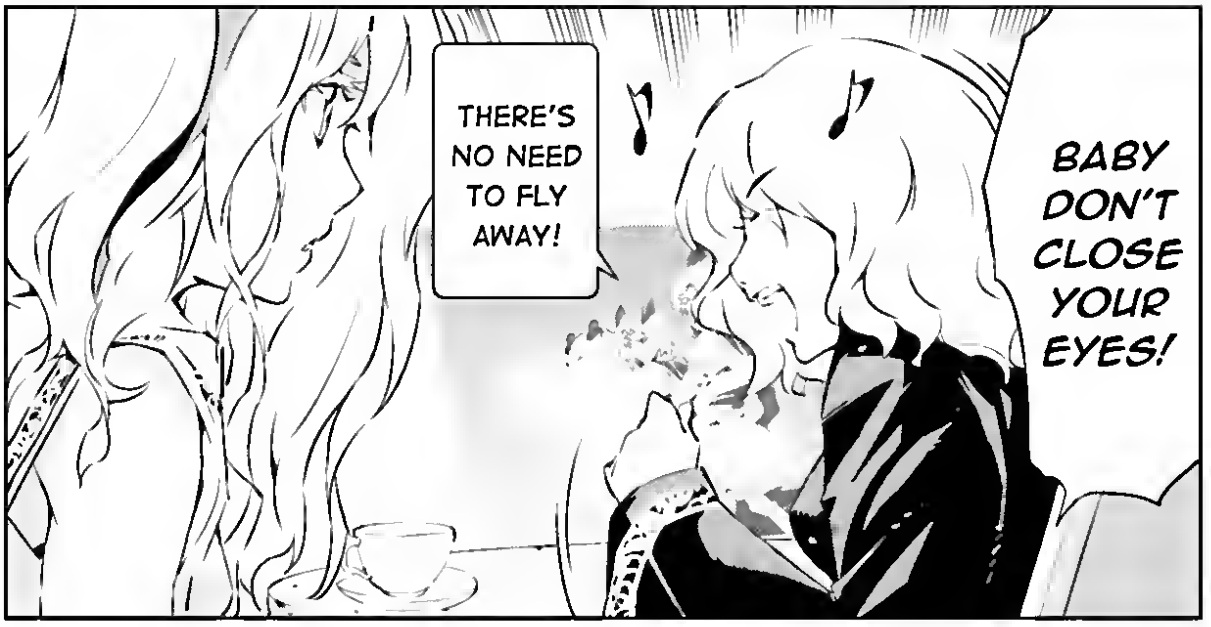
MUMBLE MUMBLE ...


THERE'S NO NEED TO FLY AWAY!
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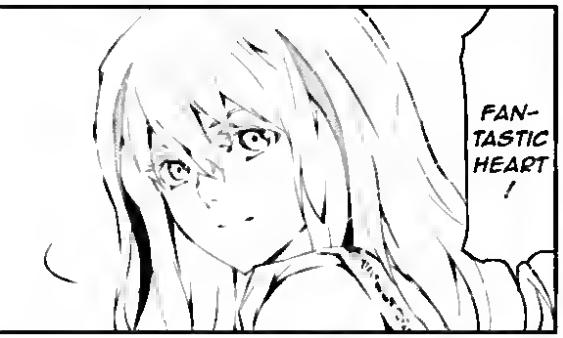
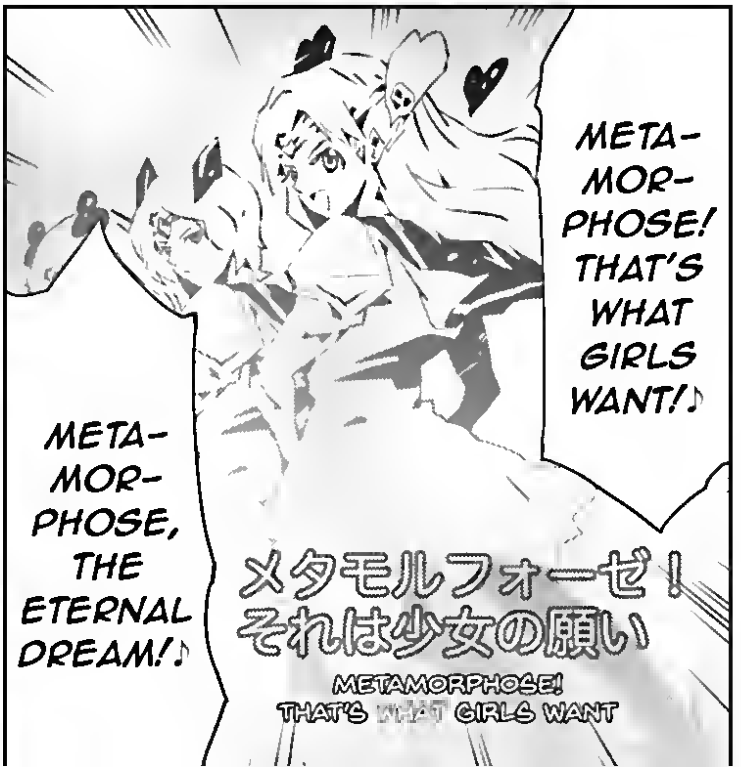
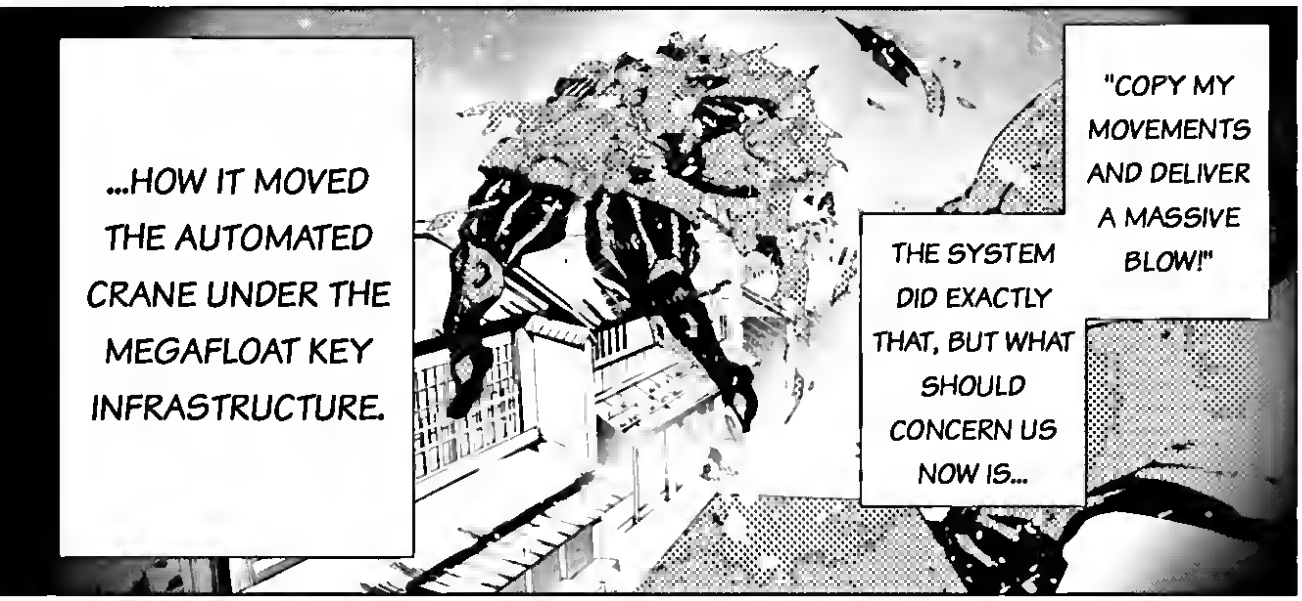
BABY DON'T CLOSE YOUR EYES!


FAN-TASTIC HEART!


META-MOR-PHOSE! THAT'S WHAT GIRLS WANT!♪
META-MOR-PHOSE, THE ETERNAL DREAM!♪
メタモルフォーゼ！
それは少女の願い
METAMORPHOSE!
THAT'S WHAT GIRLS WANT

MAGIC...
MY MAGIC HAS FOUND ITS WAY INTO THE SEAM.
IT'S ALMOST AS IF THE HIE AND AIE THAT ARE CONTROLLED BY THE BEHAVIOR CONTROL CLOUD...
AND THE ONES THAT ARE UNDER THE NEW CONTROL OF THE GUILD'S CUSTOM CLOUD...
ARE BEHAVING LIKE MONSTERS.
THE TEACHINGS ARE BECOMING REALITY.

HOWEVER, THE NEW MAGIC USED IN BATTLE WITH ONI-OHMARU YESTERDAY...
UNDERSTOOD EXACTLY THE MOVEMENTS I DESIRED AND CREATED THE IDEAL HOLOGRAPHIC ACTIONS IN RESPONSE.


"COPY MY MOVEMENTS AND DELIVER A MASSIVE BLOW!"
THE SYSTEM DID EXACTLY THAT, BUT WHAT SHOULD CONCERN US NOW IS...
...HOW IT MOVED THE AUTOMATED CRANE UNDER THE MEGAFLOAT KEY INFRASTRUCTURE.

THE KEY INFRA-STRUCTURE AND MAGIC WORKING TOGETHER IS SOMETHING THAT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN IN MY SIMULA-TIONS.
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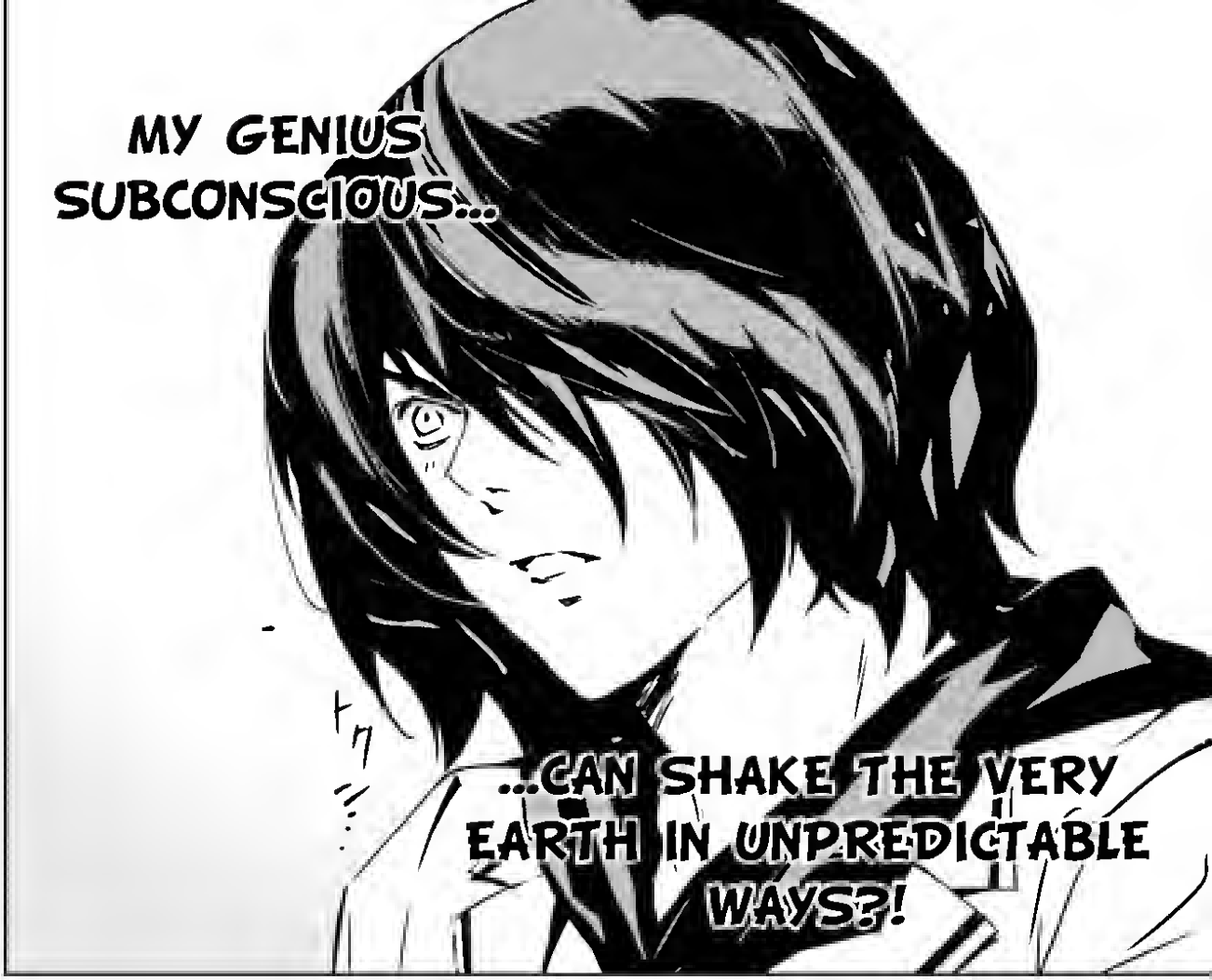
WHICH CAN ONLY MEAN...



KAITO, YOU'RE GONNA GET TOLD OFF BY THE GUILD AGAIN...

UH-OH, NOW EVEN THE COPS ARE ON THE MOVE.

--MYSTERIOUS SOUNDS AND BURNING SMELLS IN THE HARBOR DISTRICT--

TOPIC

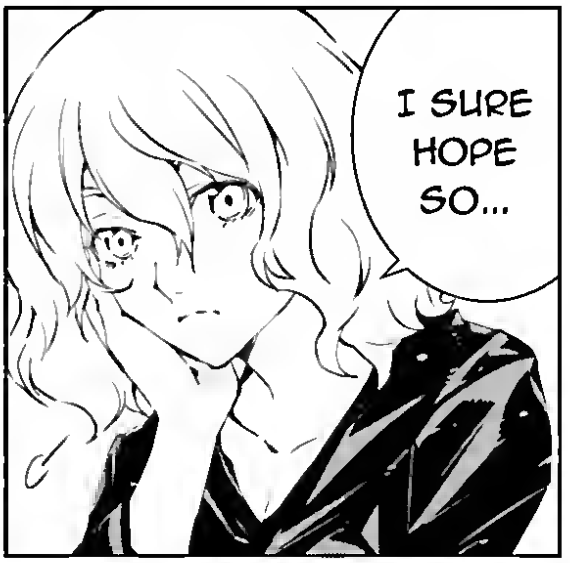
SHAKE THE VERY EARTH...

I AM AMAZING.

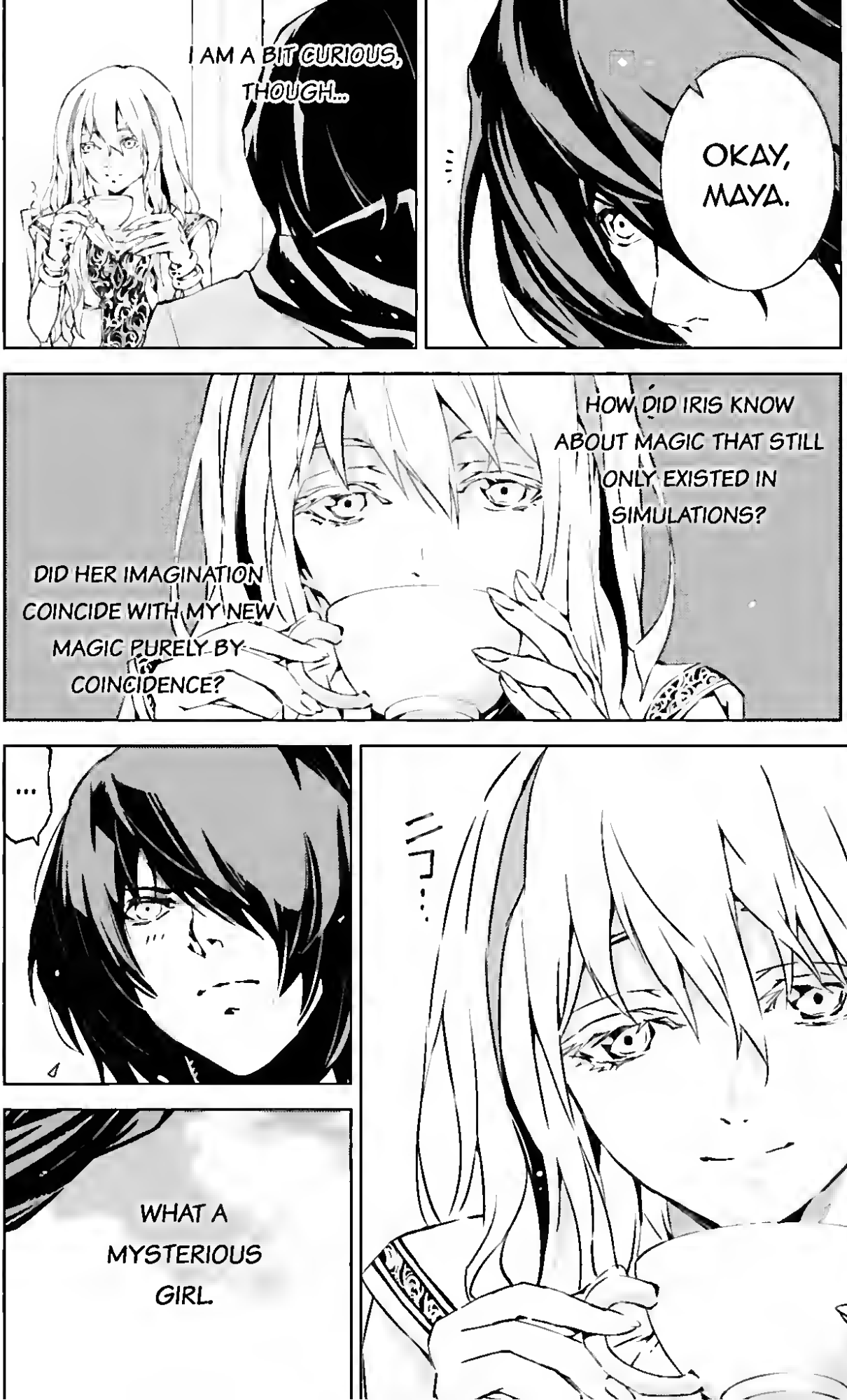
HUH?

IT'S MAESTRO.
HE SET THE STAGE FOR US.
IT WAS ALL ELEVENTH'S DOING.
IF ANYONE IS TO BE PUNISHED, IT WILL BE ONLY HIM. WE CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE.

WAIT! JUST THINK OF THE GREATNESS MY NEW MAGIC WILL BRING THE GUILD...
SHOULD I NOT BE REWARDED HANDSOMELY?!


I SURE HOPE SO...

I CAN JUST SEE ALL THE WISEMEN SHOWERING ME WITH APPLAUSE AT THE NEXT "PARTY"!!
YEAH, YEAH. IRIS, SHOULD WE THINK OF SOME NEW MAGIC, TOO?


I AM A BIT CURIOUS, THOUGH...
OKAY, MAYA.
HOW DID IRIS KNOW ABOUT MAGIC THAT STILL ONLY EXISTED IN SIMULATIONS?
DID HER IMAGINATION COINCIDE WITH MY NEW MAGIC PURELY BY COINCIDENCE?
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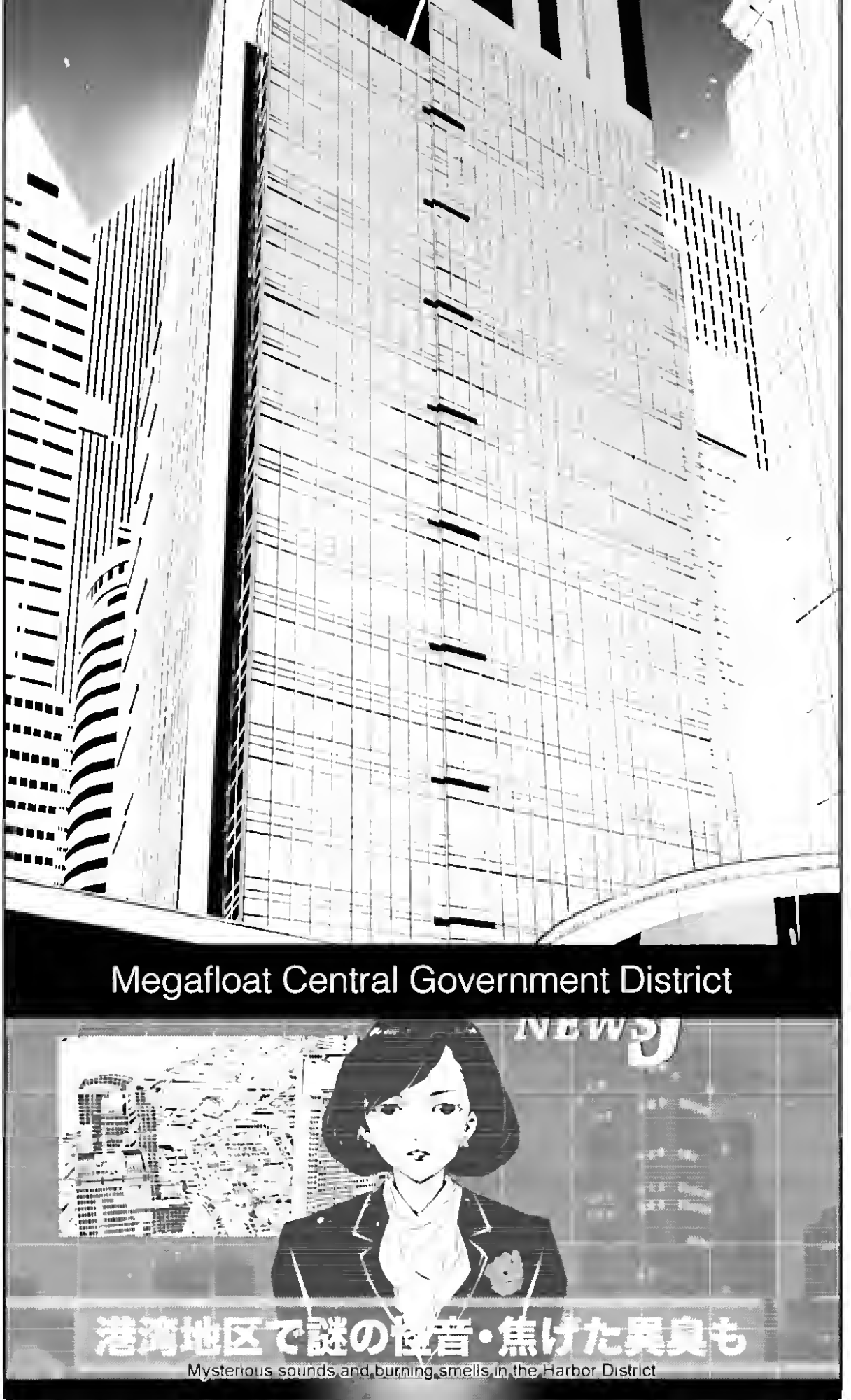
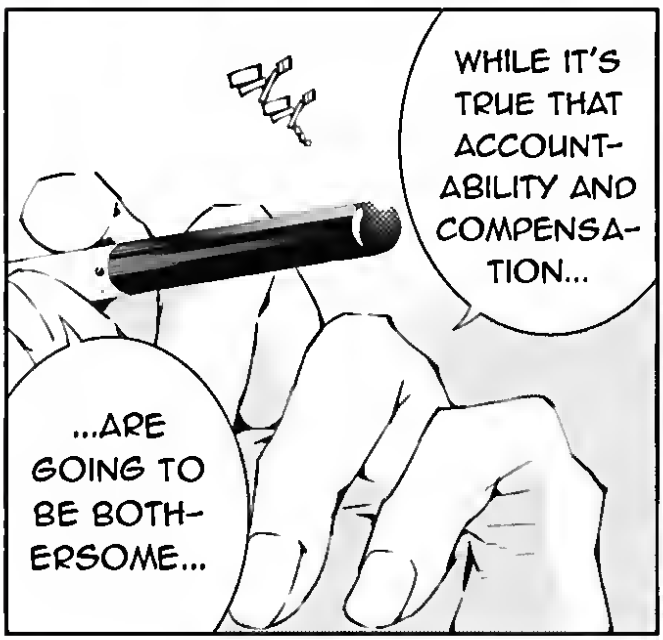
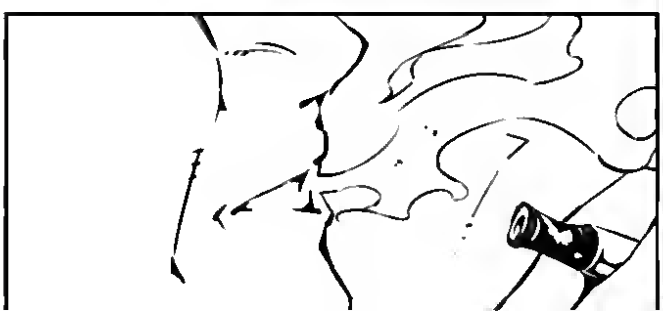
WHAT A MYSTERIOUS GIRL.


Megafloat Central Government District
NEWS
港湾地区で謎の轟音・焦げた臭気も
Mysterious sounds and burning smells in the Harbor District

THIS IS A VERY GRAVE ISSUE.


WHILE IT'S TRUE THAT ACCOUNT-ABILITY AND COMPENSA-TION...
...ARE GOING TO BE BOTH-ERSOME...

THIS WAS DUE TO MY CARELESS-NESS.
IF YOU REQUIRE COMPENSATION FOR THE DAMAGES...
THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY.



THE ISSUE I WAS REFERRING TO IS THE FACT THAT OUR INFRASTRUCTURE WAS HACKED.
IT MAY EVEN LEAD TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT INTERFERING WITH MEGAFLOAT AGAIN...
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LOOK AT THAT. WHOEVER DID THIS SURE PUT ON A SHOW.
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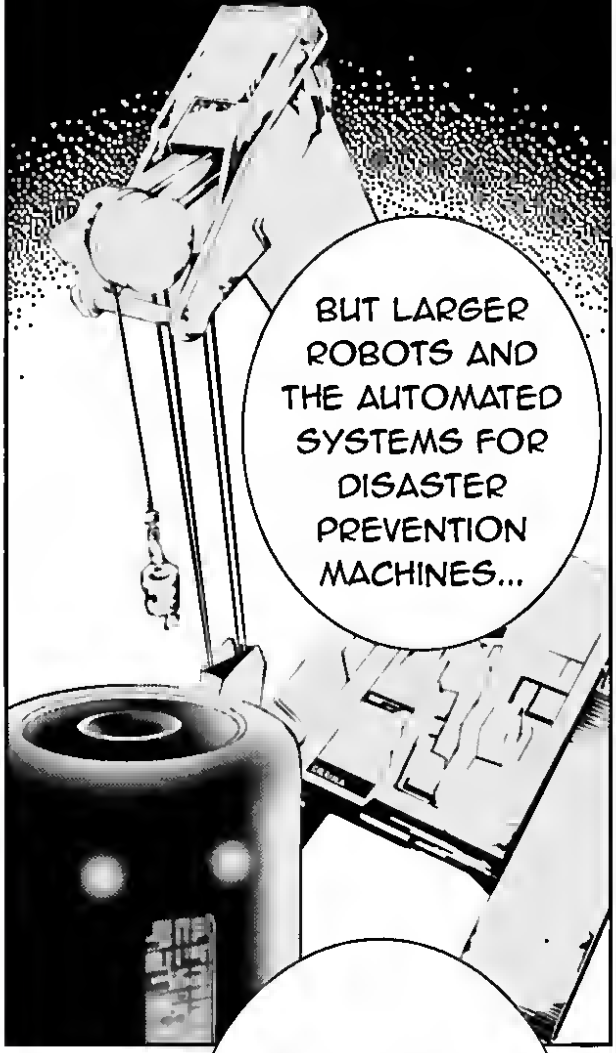
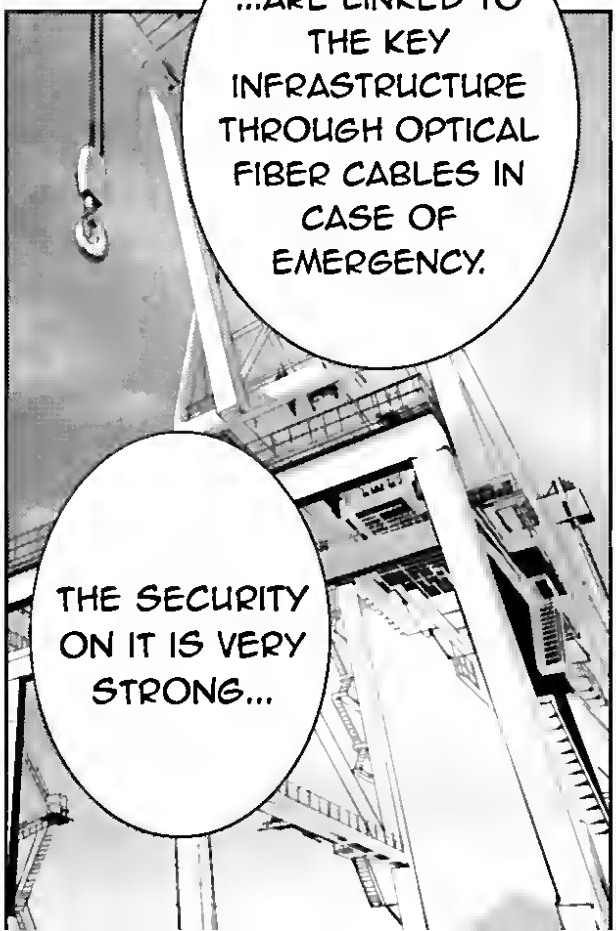
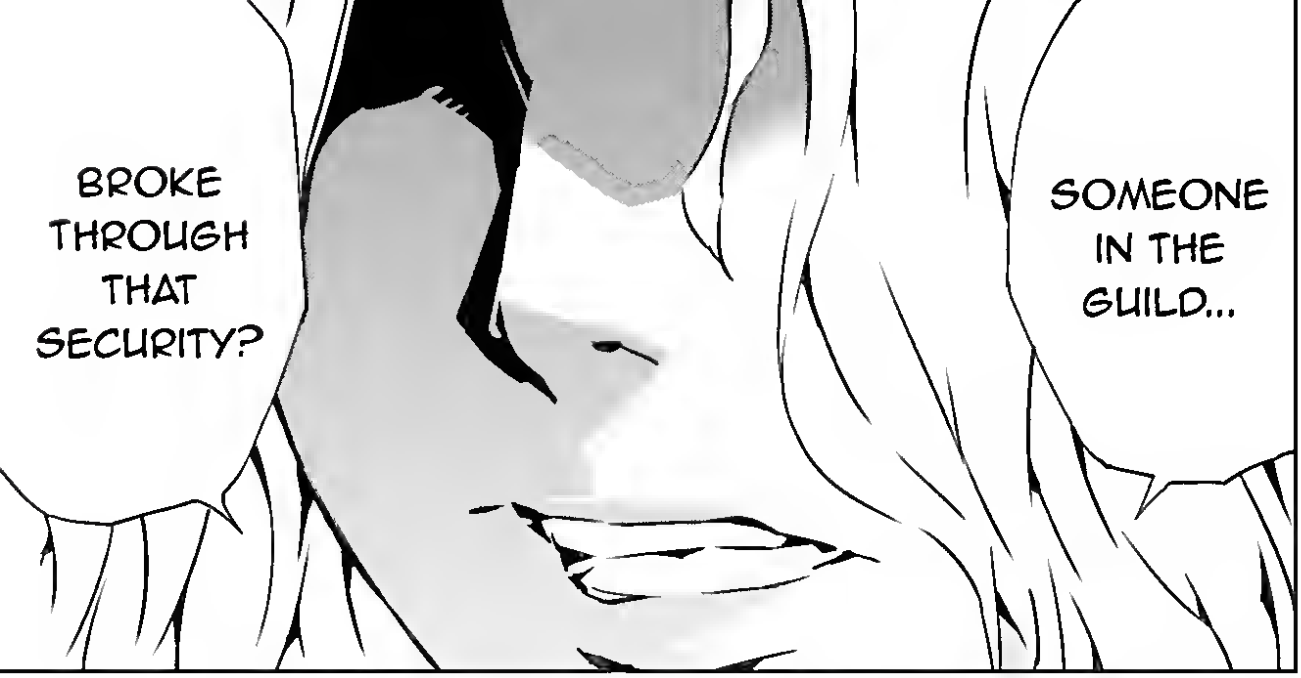
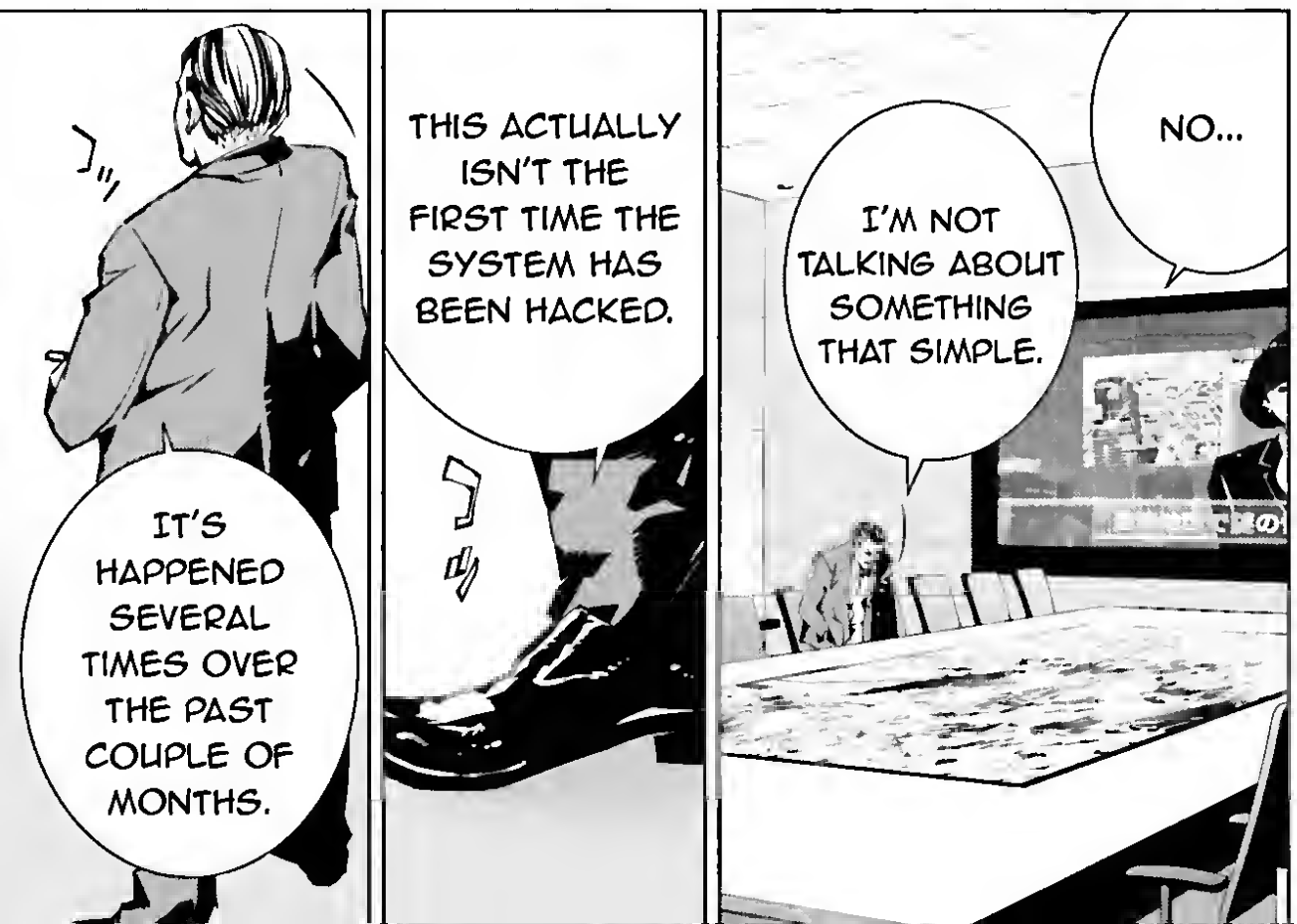
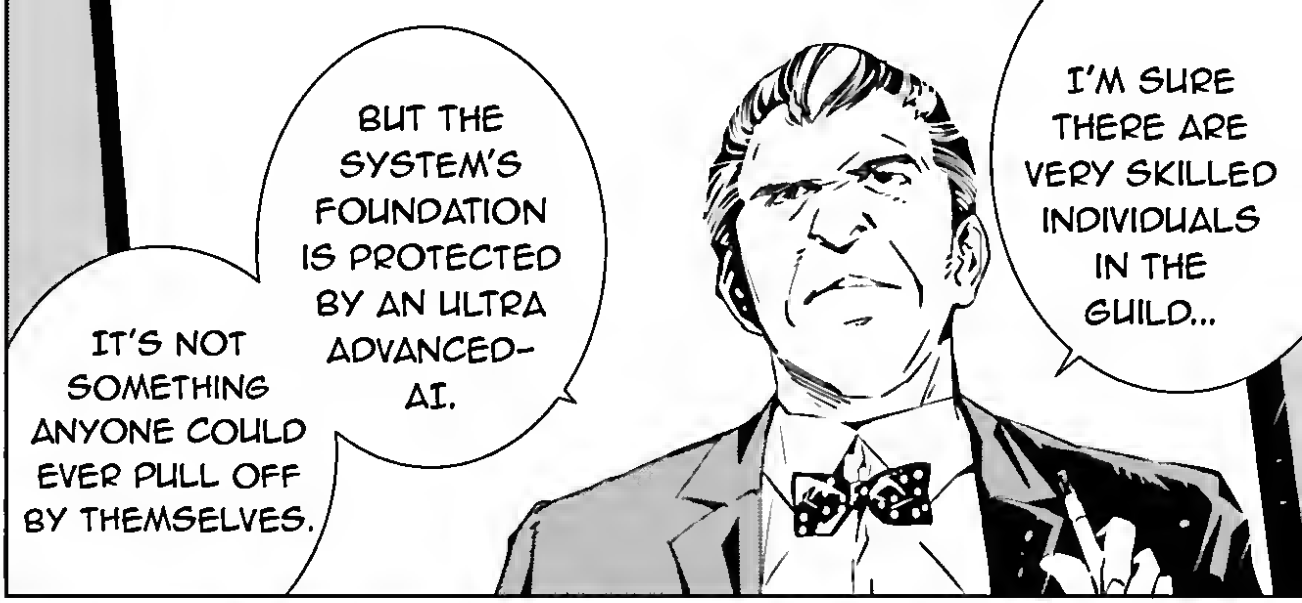

BUT LARGER ROBOTS AND THE AUTOMATED SYSTEMS FOR DISASTER PREVENTION MACHINES...


...ARE LINKED TO THE KEY INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGH OPTICAL FIBER CABLES IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.
THE SECURITY ON IT IS VERY STRONG...

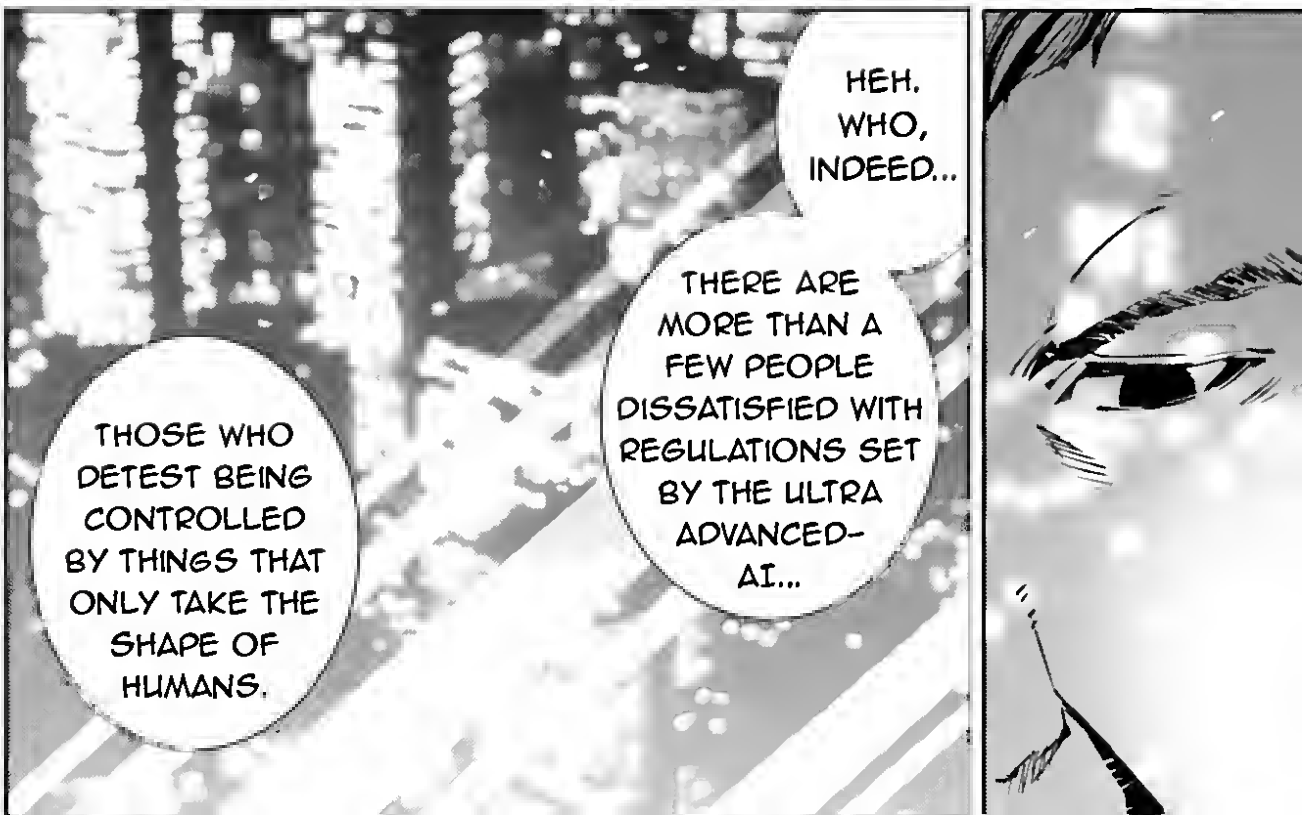
AS YOU ALREADY KNOW, THE UNGOVERNED AREA KNOWN AS "THE SEAM"...
...IS A BLIND SPOT WHERE ROBOTS CAN'T BE CONTROLLED BY MEGAFLOAT'S BEHAVIOR CONTROL CLOUD.

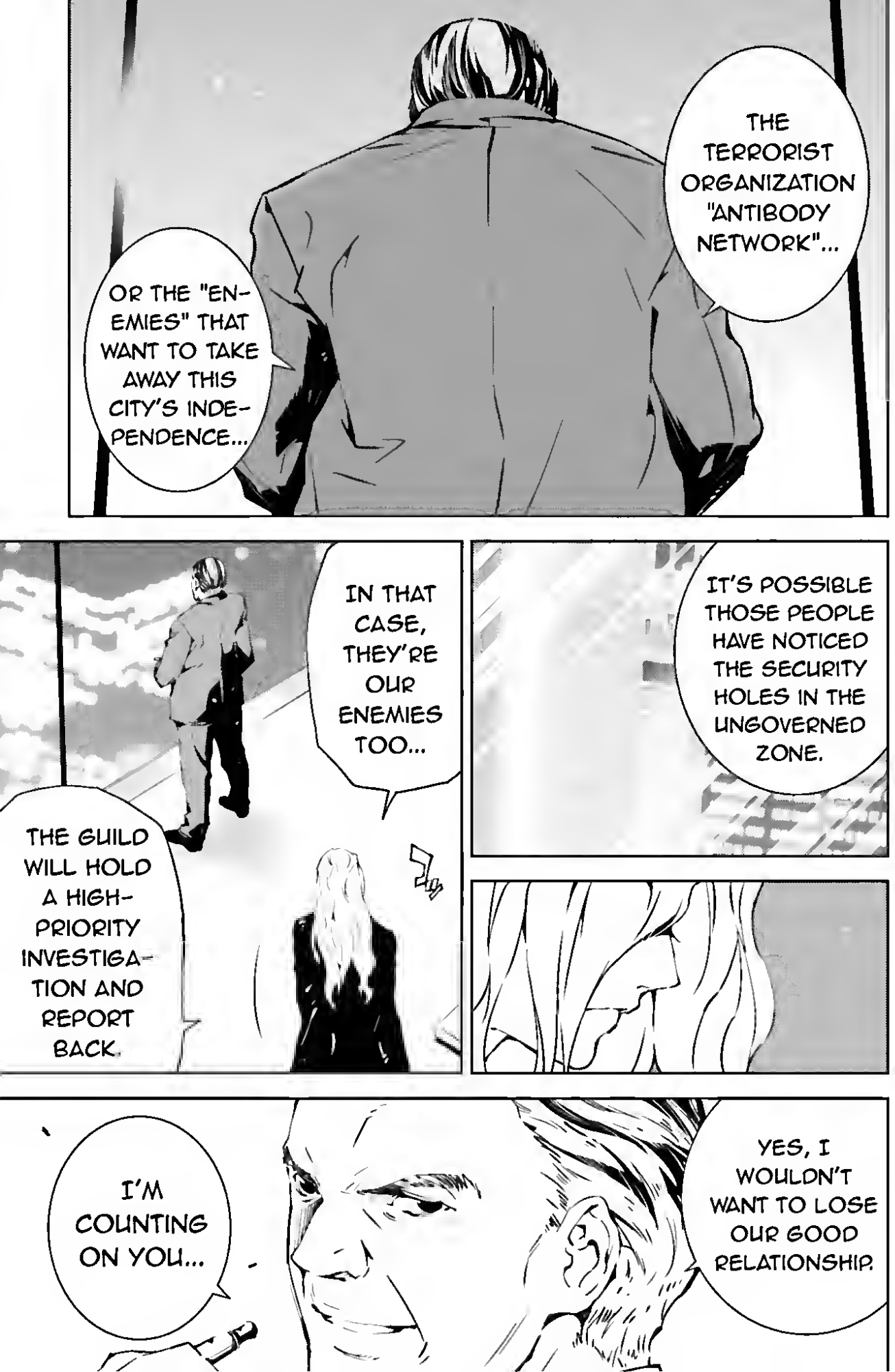

BROKE THROUGH THAT SECURITY?
SOMEONE IN THE GUILD...


IT'S HAPPENED SEVERAL TIMES OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF MONTHS.
THIS ACTUALLY ISN'T THE FIRST TIME THE SYSTEM HAS BEEN HACKED.
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING THAT SIMPLE.
NO...


I'M SURE THERE ARE VERY SKILLED INDIVIDUALS IN THE GUILD...
BUT THE SYSTEM'S FOUNDATION IS PROTECTED BY AN ULTRA ADVANCED-AI.
IT'S NOT SOMETHING ANYONE COULD EVER PULL OFF BY THEMSELVES.

SO THEN, COULD IT BE THAT THIS TIME SOME-ONE IS ATTEMPTING TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE THE GUILD'S HANDIWORK...
...PULLING THE STRINGS ELSE-WHERE?
WHO ON EARTH ARE YOU THINKING OF?


HEH. WHO, INDEED...
THERE ARE MORE THAN A FEW PEOPLE DISSATISFIED WITH REGULATIONS SET BY THE ULTRA ADVANCED-AI...
THOSE WHO DETEST BEING CONTROLLED BY THINGS THAT ONLY TAKE THE SHAPE OF HUMANS.


THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION "ANTIBODY NETWORK"...
OR THE "ENEMIES" THAT WANT TO TAKE AWAY THIS CITY'S INDEPENDENCE...
IN THAT CASE, THEY'RE OUR ENEMIES TOO...
THE GUILD WILL HOLD A HIGH-PRIORITY INVESTIGATION AND REPORT BACK.
IT'S POSSIBLE THOSE PEOPLE HAVE NOTICED THE SECURITY HOLES IN THE UNGOVERNED ZONE.
I'M COUNTING ON YOU...
YES, I WOULDN'T WANT TO LOSE OUR GOOD RELATIONSHIP.

FIRST, WHO IS INVESTIGATING KATO, HAS BEEN CONNECTED TO THE GOVERNING ORGANIZATION ALL ALONG?! WHAT ARE HIS INTENTIONS...?

TO BE CONTINUED...